

Dear senator Gerrattanna, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I just heard about HB 6267: This is surprising, confusing and disappointing. The licensure to be a psychologist on a national level and on the state of CT has always been at the PHD level. The training a doctoral level psychologist undergoes is extensive and requires years education, supervision and internship. I do not understand at a time when other disciplines are requiring higher education requirements you would want to water down the extensive training and rigor of our profession. Our state is already saturated with master level licensed clinicians. By licensing and calling master level clinicians psychologists would be confusing to the public. On a personal note, if this bill was to pass, I would find it necessary to leave the state and practice in a state like N.Y. that appreciates the skills I utilize to serve my patients.

Thank you for your consideration,

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